



St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Brentwood

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Fifth Sunday of Easter

3rd May 2026



Father Mark writes... Welcome, in the name of the risen Christ, to our worship today at St Thomas. If this is your first visit, please make yourself known to one of the sidespersons or a member of the ministry team — you are very welcome here. Please join in with the text printed in bold; at the 10.00am service we sing the hymns and some parts of the liturgy. Details of this week's services are given below, and the order of service is also available online, with printed copies available for those who prefer them.

Holy Communion is distributed in both kinds. We come forward to stand at the foot of the dais, and the ministers will come to you. Those who do not normally receive the Blessed Sacrament are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing, with hands crossed on the chest; children are most welcome. Families and children are very welcome. If younger ones need a break, the Church Centre (through the double doors on the right) offers a space where the service can still be seen and heard, with activity bags available. Toilets are also located there, and refreshments are served after the 10.00am service. If you would like to receive a parish news by email, please complete a yellow family roll form and give it to a sidesperson.

SERVICE DETAILS

8.00am SAID MASS

10.00am SUNG MASS (Becket Singers)

Introductory Rite

Processional Hymn: **103 – Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Mass Setting: The Brentwood Mass – *David Rooke*

Collect: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 7. 55-end *Lisa Beckley*

Responsorial Psalm 31. 1-5

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.2-10 *Paul Pullin*

Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*

Gospel Reading: John 14.1-14 *Father Ossie*

Sermon: *Lesley Lynn*

Intercessions: *Rhys Hannan*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: **333 – All my hope on God is founded**

Anthem: How lovely are thy dwellings – *Johannes Brahms*

Communion Hymn: **477 (408) – Ye that know the Lord**

Closing Hymn: **485 – Thy hand O God, has guided**

Organ Voluntary: A Thornbury Fanfare – *Malcolm Archer + Organist: Sam Adams ur Interim Director of Music*

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

(Parish Choir)

Responses: *William Byrd*

Office Hymn: **100(i) – The day draws on** (omit * verses)

Psalm: 147: 1-12 – *Charles Villiers Stanford*

Lessons: Zechariah 4.1-10 Revelation 21.1-14 *Sue Rygate*

Canticles: *Daniel Purcell* in E minor

Anthem: As water to the thirsty – *T Coleman arranged J Barnard*

Hymn: **381 – Jerusalem the golden**

Benediction hymns: **307 & 268 (part 2)**

Organ Voluntary: Fugue in E flat – *Camille Saint Saens \$ Organist: Alex Evans ur Interim Assistant Organist*

PLEASE NOTE

Electoral Roll and PCC

As we prepare for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 17th May at 11.30, the annual revision of the Electoral Roll is underway. Therefore, if you wish to be added to the roll to amend your details, this is the time to act!

Application Forms for this can be found on the welcome desk at the back of the church, and once completed, they should be handed to Paul Pullin. Nomination forms to stand as members of the PCC, as Deanery Synod reps and as Churchwardens will be available from today.

Having a full team is vital as we oversee the work of this busy parish and prepare for a significant project to repair and restore the stonework that is showing its age. If you are interested in getting involved, please speak to me or to one of the churchwardens. We are looking for a range of skills and experience to join the council, so all are welcome to explore this role. *Father Mark*

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CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Our Church is open for private prayer at the following times:

Monday to Friday: 10.00am until 3.00pm

Saturday: 10.00am until 12.30pm

Morning & Evening Prayer are streamed daily via our [Facebook page](#) at 9.00am and 5.00pm respectively, except for Choral Evensong on Sundays which is normally streamed at 6.00pm.

Our Church Office hours are:

Wednesdays: 10.00am until 12.30pm

Thursdays: 9.30am until 12.30pm

Fridays: 1.00pm until 2.30pm

Our Church website is: www.st-thomas.org.uk

We are your Church, and if you need prayers, help or just someone to talk to **please call us at 01277 231629.**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DAY	SERVICE	TIME	INTENTIONS
Monday 4 th The English Martyrs			The Church in England
Tuesday 5 th Easter Feria	Mass Mass	9.30am 7.30pm	Members of the Parochial Church Council
Wednesday 6 th Easter Feria	Mass	12.15pm	Members of our House Groups
Thursday 7 th Easter Feria	Mass (BCP) Pray & Praise	9.30am 10.30am	The Local Elections. For candidates, election officials and voters
Friday 8 th Easter Feria	Mass at Becket Keys School	1.00pm	St Thomas' Primary School
Saturday 9 th Easter Feria	Mass Rosary	9.30am 10.15am	The Work of Forward in Faith
✠ Sunday 10 th Sixth Sunday of Easter	Mass All Age Mass Evensong	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Our Parish

You are invited to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which takes place at 11.30am on Sunday 17th May.

CAKE & A CUPPA

is held in the church centre on Wednesday mornings from 10.00 am -12.00 pm.



150th Anniversary Community Project The PCC is launching an exciting project to help protect and transform our church into a vibrant community hub for generations to come. **We need your support!** Please look out for details to follow soon!

150 years anniversary

NEW MISSION STATEMENT

Grounded in prayer, nourished by Scripture, and formed within the catholic tradition of the Church of England, we are called by Jesus Christ to worship, celebrate the sacraments, to proclaim His gospel, and bear witness to His love in the world.

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Refreshments are served in the church hall after today's 10.00am Mass. All are welcome.

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Darcy Holland and Laura Weeden whose birthdays are today and to Domonique Keith, Richard Infanti, Frederick Poulton, Neil Cooper, Damian White, Don Bailey, Nathan Tilden, Christina Woodford, Cooper Jordon, Charlotte Snow and Harrison Briggs who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.

THE BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Meets at 10.30am on THURSDAY with song and praise in the Lady Chapel, then into the hall for play. Please come along to join our group of parents. Lesley Garwood – 07805 405751

'CRAFTY FRIDAYS'

This Friday from 10.00am to 12.00pm, come and bring your own craft project, or learn a new one like knitting or Bible journalling. Tea and coffee £2.00. For more information please contact Michelle Jackson 07973 983831

✠ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 14th May

Mass at 9.30am

Sung Mass at 7.00pm

You are invited to join the popular **BIBLE STUDY GROUP** that meets on Tuesday evenings in meeting room one from 7pm until 9pm. Please contact Phil Horscroft on 07840 737606 should you be interested in attending.



If you have any donations they can be left with one of the church stewards at the back of the church. They are cleared every week and taken to the Food Bank.

Current needs are; Coffee, Corned Beef (tinned), Ham small/meal, Rice bags Shaving foam/gel, Squash, Tinned corned beef, Tinned ham, Washing powder, Women's deodorant.